

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An insert for an airbag housing on a motor vehicle steering wheel with configured to couple a gas generator thereto for use used as a vibration-absorbing mass for damping steering wheel vibrations, ~~the gas generator being connected to the airbag housing via an insert with an annular rubber membrane extending along the length of the steering wheel axis, the annular rubber membrane~~ said insert comprising:

an annular rubber membrane extending along the length of a steering wheel axis including an edge that faces the airbag housing and provided with a surrounding metallic holding sheet for connection to the airbag housing[[:]] and another edge that is oriented toward the gas generator[[:]], wherein the rubber membrane is provided with a receiving element for frictional and/or snug acceptance of engagement with the gas generator, the receiving element having a length generally equal to the length of the annular rubber membrane.

2. (currently amended) The ~~airbag housing~~ insert according to Claim 1, wherein the receiving element ~~consists of~~ includes a ring encircling the gas generator .

3. (currently amended) The ~~airbag housing~~ insert according to Claim 2, wherein at a downward-oriented edge, the ring is provided with an inward-oriented border.

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) The ~~airbag housing~~ insert according to Claim 1, wherein the metallic holding sheet is provided with holes for fastening screws.

6. (currently amended) The ~~airbag housing~~ insert according to Claim 1, wherein the rubber membrane is vulcanized onto at least one of the metallic holding sheet ~~and/or~~ and the receiving element .

7. (currently amended) The ~~airbag housing~~ insert according to Claim 1, wherein the rubber membrane protrudes slightly over an outer surface of the metallic holding sheet and is used for one of sealing purposes ~~or~~ and as a vibration restriction.

8. (currently amended) An ~~airbag housing including~~ insert configured to couple a gas generator to an airbag housing, said insert comprising:

~~an insert including~~ a first edge that faces the housing and a second edge that faces the gas generator, the first edge provided with a holding sheet that connects the insert to the housing and the second edge provided with a ring that encircles the gas generator;

wherein the ring extends a length generally equal to a length of the insert and is connected to the gas generator by one of pressing and ~~or~~ shrinking the ring onto an outer wall of the gas generator to hold the gas generator by friction.

9. (currently amended) The ~~airbag—housing~~ insert according to Claim 8, wherein the ring includes an inward oriented border to hold the gas generator by friction.

10. (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) The ~~airbag—housing~~ insert according to Claim 8, wherein the holding sheet is comprised of metal and includes holes for fastening screws.

12. (currently amended) The ~~airbag—housing~~ insert according to Claim 8, wherein the insert comprises a conical rubber membrane.

13. (currently amended) The ~~airbag—housing~~ insert according to Claim 8, wherein the ring comprises a tubular shape.

14. (currently amended) The ~~airbag—housing~~ insert according to Claim 8, wherein the insert is connected to the holding sheet and the ring by vulcanization.